

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10 as follows:

The names, numbers, and functions of respective genes in the Tables contained herein conform with the *Bacillus subtilis* genome data reported in Nature, 390, 249-256 (1997) and made public by JAFAN (Japan Functional Analysis Network for *Bacillus subtilis*; BSORF DB) on the Internet (~~http://bacillus.genome.ad.jp/~~, renewed June 17, 2003).